

## **MaineCare Advisory Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes**

September 6, 2022

10:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Via Zoom

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Kathy Kilrain del Rio called to order the regular meeting of the MaineCare Advisory Committee at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **II. ROLL CALL**

Kathy Kilrain del Rio conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Kathy Kilrain del Rio; Laurie Belden; Rachel Collamore; Laura Cordes; Jamie Cotnoir; Leo Delicata; Cathy Dionne; Gia Drew; Al Durgin; Rachel Dyer; Mark Eves; Candy Henderly; Suzanne Farley; Michael Hallundbaek; Hannah Hudson for Beth Pearce; Jillian Jolicoeur; Sarah Lewis; Jim Martin; Vickie McCarty; Esther Miller; Atlee Reilly; Dee Sabattus; Malory Shaughnessy for Suzanne Farley; Jeff Tiner, and Susan White.

Department: Erik Eisele; Amanda Lee; Shannon Martin; Jenny Patterson; Michelle Probert; Catherine Stevens, and Molly Slotznick

Guests: Rachel Collamore; Brian Duffy; Mackenzie Dwyer; Kate Ende; Kathy Fallon; Brooke Halton; Cathy Hamilton; Vicki Jessup; Bethany Jones; Dan Morin; Nicole St. Hilaire, and Bonnie Vaughan.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a.) DHHS Updates With Michelle Probert**

- October 31<sup>st</sup> is the new deadline for including attending provider NPI in order for claims to pay.
- A reminder that the soft launch for electronic visit verification for hospice visit providers starts next week. The go live will be January of 2023.
- Michelle noted there is a likelihood that the public health emergency will extend to January.
- Michelle noted there will be a meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the ending of the public health emergency with the focus on eligibility. The overall objective is to help individuals who are still eligible for MaineCare to retain coverage.

### **b.) Rate System Updates**

- Erik and Amanda shared a tentative draft of the rate study schedule. Erik noted the plan is to build a website to house the information with ongoing updates posted on the website.
- Michelle noted a technical advisory panel has been assembled. There will be an orientation for the members of the panel re: the rate setting process within MaineCare. They will be updated on LD1867. The LD requires the dept to consult with TAP in order to recreate the rate setting schedule once there is a proposed schedule it will be posted

and individuals can share their comments in writing or during an established time where there will be a chance to share them verbally.

- The rate subcommittee will review the proposed schedule and then will present on the schedule at the November MAC meeting.
- Laura Cordes noted the rate setting sub-committee meeting was held at the end of August. The next meeting will be held September 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00.
- The sub-committee discussed COLAs and are wondering if the 4.9 % COLAs are still on track to be adjusted at that rate in January.

c.) **Communications Updates**

- Erik reiterated the entire MAC membership is on the invite for a meeting that will outline the public emergency unwinding plan. We expect there will be follow-up conversations.

d.) **Rulemaking/Waivers/SPA Updates With Jenny Patterson**

- In terms of new rules, there are no rules open for comment currently. There are currently three rules in the APA process—Section 25, Section 45, and Section 65. We are planning to update the EPSDT rule. We are also moving forward with some changes to a number of rules that are listed on the rate priority list including Section 60 and Section 23.
- Jenny presented a brief recap of the policy unit's role and the policy team members.

**Items From Guests.**

None

**Wrap Up**

- Kathy noted the Department will be reaching out to see if folks who are currently serving on the MAC want to continue serving. There is also a need for two MaineCare members to serve on the MAC. If anyone knows someone who would be interested in serving please let Kathy know. There is also a need for a physician to serve on the MAC and we are looking for suggestions regarding who could fill that seat.
- Kathy noted she is happy to run again for Chair. The Chair has to be a MaineCare member or a member representative. We also need a Vice-chair as Gia Drew will not be running again. Elections will be held in October.
- The next MAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4th, 2022 at 10:00 AM

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Kathy adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.